

SHUMC

Our Family Newsletter March 2018



Adult Sunday school
9:00 a.m.

Worship
10:00 a.m.

Children's Sunday school
10:30 a.m.

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Upcoming
Church
EVENTS

March 25 Palm Sunday
March 28 Seder Meal
March 31 Easter Egg Hunt

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A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR
YOUTH
SMALL GROUPS
U. M. WOMEN
SPECIAL EVENTS

E aster EGG HUNT



March 31, 2018
10:00 a.m.

Face painting, games,
crafts, cookies & candy!

From the Pastor's Pen

March is a busy month at South Harborcreek Church. Studies, meetings, activities of all sorts occur almost daily. We're especially active this month as we prepare to celebrate Holy Week, beginning with Palm Sunday on March 25 --- a Special Seder Meal on Wednesday the 28th --- an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday the 31st --- an Easter Sunrise Service and the Grand Celebration of Easter at the 10:00 a.m. service on April 1. These are **just some** of the events at SHUMC! We know they **represent all the events you** are invited to during March ... i.e. school programs, children's activities, work obligations, family times and your own commitments -- **LIFE IS BUSY indeed!**

LENT is the 40 days prior to Easter (not including Sundays) that is intended to help us focus on the life, ministry, and work of Jesus the Christ, God Incarnate, who came to earth in the 1st century to do what none of us could do for ourselves --- **OVERCOME the destructive powers of sin and death.** It calls us to prepare ourselves (both as individuals and as a church) to blast forward with new life, new energy, and new commitment. It is intended to inspire us to share the power and joy of the Christian believer's life as agents of God's life changing presence in other's lives.

So, the question and the challenge is: **HOW CAN WE LIVE BUSY LIVES AND STILL BREATHE IN THE SPIRIT OF GOD SO THAT WE CAN SHARE IN THE LOVE GOD EXTENDED TO US? MAY WE BE LIFTED UP WITH WINGS LIKE EAGLES AND EXPERIENCE ALL THAT JESUS HAS CALLED US TO BE AND DO.**

HERE IS MY SIMPLE DIRECTION: (given to me first and foremost, because I need to slow down and simplify my life as much as anyone):

TAKE THREE (3) 15-MINUTE BREAKS (PERHAPS MORNING, NOON AND NIGHT) FIRST TAKE A DEEP BREATH TO CLEAR THE TENSION AND CHAOS OF YOUR BUSY LIFE, THEN TAKE TIME TO THANK GOD FOR THE GOODNESS IN YOUR LIFE - INCLUDING THE PEOPLE WE CARE FOR AND WHO CARE FOR US.

DURING THIS TIME, SAY TO GOD, "YOU ARE MINE AND I AM YOURS. FATHER, WITH YOUR DIVINE POWER, PLEASE GUIDE AND ENABLE ME TO THINK AND DO AS YOU WILL.

Perhaps you have heard me pray before a sermon, "Dear God help me to remember what I need to remember and to forget what I need to forget". I ENCOURAGE YOU TO PRAY IN A SIMILAR WAY:

"DEAR GOD, YOU HAVE GIVEN ME ALL THAT I NEED, TO ACCOMPLISH ALL THAT YOU WOULD HAVE ME DO AND BE, AS AN EMPLOYEE, AS A PARENT, AS A PERSON. HELP ME TO LET GO OF THOSE THINGS CLUTTERING AND HAMPERING YOUR BEST FOR MY LIFE.

THEN AS YOUR 15 MINUTES COMES TO AN END --- PRAY, *"DEAR GOD, THANK YOU FOR LOVING ME. I NOW RETURN TO THE BUSINESS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE LIFE YOU HAVE BLESSED ME WITH ... MAY I DO SO WITH YOUR DIVINE EFFICIENCY, ENERGY, AND ENTHUSIASM. IN JESUS MIGHTY NAME, AMEN!"*

Friends, I look forward to sharing our stories of surprise and discovery; of expected joys and successes; and of a calmer, simpler, more Jesus-like life. ☺

Blessings, Love and Grace to you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Keith".

Isaiah 40:31

Romans 8:28; 31; 37-39

Upcoming Special Events

Easter Egg Hunt Meeting: There will be a meeting for all those involved with the community Easter Egg Hunt on Thursday, March 1 @ 6:30 p.m.



Men's Retreat: The men will be traveling to Wesley Woods for their annual retreat on April 6-7. Look in the bulletin and next month's newsletter for more details.

Small Groups

How do you get started with a small group?

Our church offers several Bible Study Groups.

Following is a list of the group times and leaders:

- Tuesday 9:30 a.m. led by Elna Morton. Group is open to new members.
- **Wednesday 6:15 p.m. For the season of Lent, we have dinner, praise & worship then divide into 6 different Bible studies with a variety of topics. The groups are open to anyone.**
- Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. The Senger/Shaffer Bible study meets at the parsonage. They are currently studying different books from the Bible and welcome anyone to join them.
- Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. This group is for women and is called "The Sweet & Salty Bible Study. This is open to all women.
- Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m. This group led by Linda Morey meets for a meal first and then a time of study. They are currently working through the Old Testament. They have been together for many years so this group is by invitation only.

E aster **EGG HUNT**

March 31, 2018

10:00 a.m.



Our Community Easter Egg Hunt takes place here at SHUMC on Saturday, March 31 at 10:00 a.m.

The kids are going to have lots to do! We are planning on having stations for face painting, crafts, games and then the "HUNT" (in age groups) for those fun-filled, candy eggs!

If you can, we could use some help in these areas:

- Help serving
- Donations of bite-size wrapped candy
- Donations of plastic eggs and people to fill them

You can see Tammy Kent for plastic eggs or if you are willing to purchase the eggs and fill them yourself, it would be greatly appreciated. We are looking to fill 3,000 eggs this year!

Thank you for all who volunteered to make cookies. We now have plenty. What wonderful support!



**ServErie is coming in April 21.
Volunteer your time!**



News & Features

The Valentine Dinner was wonderful! Everyone had a great time. Over 120 people attended throughout the community. Desserts were auctioned off and one even fetched a price of \$500 – awesome! All the money raised helped the Youth's trip to SPARK.

Easter Anthem

There is an open invitation for anyone to join our church choir to sing an anthem on Easter Sunday. We will be practicing after each church service for about 20 minutes. We especially invite those who have sung in a SATB (soprano, alto, tenor, bass) choir before, but anyone is welcome! The more people, the better the sound!

Sound Team

We are also in need of a person to serve on the sound board for one week each month. If this is a possible area of interest to you, please speak with Linda Morey.

SHUMY News

SHUMY had a great kick off weekend at the SPARK conference in Pittsburgh, January 19-21st. We had 21 youth and 9 adults go for an exciting weekend of teaching, worship and fun.

Saturday night many of the youth felt God's call and went forward to the altar to pray for deepening their relationship with Christ.

It was a fantastic weekend and we thank the Church family for supporting us to be a part of this weekend through their gifts and prayers.

During Lent we are focusing our time at SHUMY on the areas of fasting, prayer and service. Please pray for us as we explore how we can deepen our relationship with the Lord through these areas as we lead up to the celebration of Easter on April 1st.

If you've never come to SHUMY and are 6th-12th grade please join us in the multi-purpose room from 6:00-7:30 Sunday nights!

March Dates

Easter Bags of Hope

Pick up a bag and list in the Fellowship Hall to help out the Ella Cochran Food Pantry. Fill them with fixins' for Easter for those in our community who are less fortunate. Please bring in the items Sunday, March 25. Thank you for your generosity!



Inspirational Dance

We are planning to add inspirational dance to our worship service. Those 5 yrs. old and up are invited to join us on Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m.

Men's Lenten Breakfasts

The breakfasts begin at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday mornings with a program followed by communion concluding with breakfast. A freewill offering will be taken. Please RSVP by Wednesday before each breakfast. Here is the schedule for March:



March 3	Asbury UMC, 4703 W. Ridge Rd.	833-9053
March 10	Lawrence Park UMC, 4015 Niagara Pl.	899-9851
March 17	Glenwood UMC, 2931 Myrtle St.	456-6268
March 24	Erie First UMC, 707 Sassafras St.	453-6889



Gospel of John Reading List:

- 3/04 Special Guests - Andy & Jennifer Kerr
- 3/11 The "I Am" Saying of Jesus (John 6-11)
- 3/18 The Farewell Discourse (John 12-17)
- 3/25 The Arrest, Trial & Crucifixion of the King (John 18-19)
- 4/01 Eternal Life (John 20-21)

Communion - March 11 & March 25

Served every 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month

SHUMY - every Sunday evening @ 6:00 p.m.

Celebrate Recovery Service - every Monday @ 6:30 p.m.

Church Council Meeting - March 19 @ 6:30 p.m.

Chimes - March 12 & March 26

Meet the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month.

Council on Ministries - March 13 @ 6:00 p.m.

9:30 a.m. Bible Study - every Tuesday @ 9:30 a.m.

Finance Meeting - March 20 @ 6:00 p.m.

Book Club - March 20 @ 6:30 p.m.

March selections are *My Grandmother Told Me to Tell You She's Sorry* by Fredrik Bachman and *Into the Water* by Paula Hawkins.

New members are always welcome. Please join us the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the parsonage.

Craft Club - March 27 @ 6:00 p.m.

This month we have a spring project lined up for you. Come at our new time 6:00 p.m. We meet the 4th Tuesday of each month.

Seder Meal - March 28

Wednesday Evening Small Group Studies - every Wednesday (for 6 wks.) @ 6:15 p.m.

March 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 PRAISE Rehearsal Easter Egg Hunt Mtg 6:30 Dance Class 6:30 pm	2 <i>Norma Morton</i>	3 <i>Linda Morey Elaine LaFuria</i>
4 Adult S.S. 9 am Worship 10 am Guests: Andy & Jen Kerr SHUMY 6 pm	5 CR Service 6:30 pm Chimes 7 pm <i>Lilianna Troup</i>	6 Bible Stdy 9:30 am C.C. Mtg. 6:30 pm	7 Sm. Group Study <i>Robert Fuller, Sr.</i>	8 PRAISE Rehearsal Dance Class 6:30 pm <i>Dinah Carnes Phyllis Hetrick</i>	9	10 <i>John Tinsley Mary Montgomery</i>
11 Adult S.S. 9 am Worship 10 am Communion New Families Luncheon SHUMY 6 pm <i>Vickie Morrison</i>	12 CR Service 6:30 pm	13 Bible Stdy 9:30 am Council on Min. Mtg. 6:30 pm <i>Claire Peters</i>	14 Sm. Group Study	15 PRAISE Rehearsal Dance Class 6:30 pm <i>Patti Fuller</i>	16 <i>Amelia Morton</i>	17 <i>Tommy Buterbaugh Richard White Amanda Williams</i>
18 Adult S.S. 9 am Worship 10 am Donut Sunday SHUMY 6 pm	19 CR Service 6:30 pm Admin. Council 6:30 pm	20 Bible Stdy 9:30 am Finance Mtg. 6 pm Book Club 6:30 pm <i>Shirley Anderson Betty Cass Sharon Wright</i>	21 Luncheon Sm. Group Study	22 PRAISE Rehearsal Dance Class 6:30 pm <i>Marion Scott Kate Parker Kami Iesue</i>	23 <i>George McCool</i>	24 SHUMY volunteering at the Homeless Shelter <i>Kayla Rizzo</i>
25 PALM SUNDAY Adult S.S. 9 am Worship 10 am Communion SHUMY 6 pm <i>Broderick McGarvey</i>	26 CR Service 6:30 pm Chimes 7 pm <i>Brian Hunter</i>	27 Bible Stdy 9:30 am Craft Club 6 pm <i>Shelby Haight</i>	28 <i>Seder Meal</i> <i>Daniel Yerace Emma Hall</i>	29 MAUNDY THURSDAY PRAISE Rehearsal Dance Class 6:30 pm	30 GOOD FRIDAY	31 EASTER EGG HUNT 10:00 am <i>Avery Miller Ayden Miller Joyce McAchren Adam Diehl</i>



A Morning Prayer

God, please enlighten my mind
with truth;

Inflame my heart with love;

Inspire my will with courage;

Enrich my life with service;

Pardon what I have been;

Sanctify what I am;

And order what I shall be.

Amen.